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Religious Activities

CHAPEL FACILITIES

Summary. This regulation prescribes policies for the use of chapel facilities on Fort Monroe.

Applicability. This regulation is applicable to all military (both active duty and retirees) and DOD civilian personnel assigned to Headquarters Fort Monroe and its tenant activities.

Suggested improvements. Send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) through channels to Commander, Fort Monroe, ATTN: ATZG-CH, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651-6085.

1. Purpose. The purpose of this regulation is to provide persons authorized to utilize the Fort Monroe Chapel of the Centurion with policies and procedures regarding its operation and use.

2. References.

a. Required publication is the Wedding Information Booklet.

b. Related publications are--

(1) AR 165-1, Chaplain Activities in the United States Army.

(2) FM 16-1, Religious Support Doctrine: The Chaplain and Chaplain Assistant.

3. Responsibilities.

a. The chaplain will schedule all activities held in chapel facilities. A chaplain assigned to Fort Monroe may schedule services of his denomination with approval of the Fort Monroe Chaplain.

b. Persons utilizing the chapel facility will--

(1) Schedule weddings, baptisms, funerals, and other sacraments, rites, or special religious observances as far in advance as possible.

* This regulation supersedes FM Reg 165-1, 1 September 1985.

(2) Pay for services performed by civilian personnel not assigned as full-time members of the chapel staff and who are not otherwise paid from appropriated funds, e.g., organists and special custodial personnel.

4. Policy.

a. Chapel facilities are available for use by active duty and retired military personnel and their family members who hold valid identification cards. Fort Monroe DOD civilians may utilize chapel facilities on a limited basis.

b. Priorities for use of chapel facilities are --

(1) Religious services of the major faith groups--Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish.

(2) Religious education classes for the major faith groups.

(3) Denominational services.

(4) Parish activities.

(5) Denominational religious education classes.

(6) Community service organization meetings (Army Community Service, Red Cross, etc.).

c. Chapel facilities will not be used for private social functions such as private parties, wedding receptions, music recitals, etc.

d. Requests for exception to policy will be submitted in writing through the Fort Monroe Chaplain to the installation commander.

5. General.

a. Weddings.

(1) Weddings may be performed for eligible personnel in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia by military chaplains or civilian clergy with the approval of the Fort Monroe Chaplain.

(2) Because of the great demand for the Chapel of the Centurion and the small complement of chaplains, it is necessary to restrict its use to persons described in para 4a above.

(3) Throwing rice, flower petals, confetti, or other materials is prohibited in or around any chapel facility.

b. Denominational services.

(1) Denominational services will not be scheduled at the same time as Sunday general Protestant services.

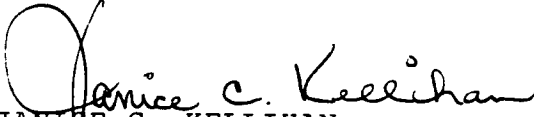
(2) An organized group from a recognized religious denomination may schedule services provided a representative, who is a military member of the installation, is appointed to coordinate all group activities with the Fort Monroe Chaplain.

(3) Offerings taken at all services held in chapel facilities will be accounted for by authorized chaplain's assistant and will be deposited in the Chaplain's Fund.

c. The use of electronic and pipe organs installed in the chapel facilities is restricted to chapel staff organists and assistant organists.

d. The use of candles, other than those provided by the Fort Monroe Chaplain, are not authorized.

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